





I DID IT,
HADURU



I DON'T MIND LOSING,



BLINK

I JUST CAN'T STAND
LOSING TO SOMEONE
SO UNPREPARED.



SHE LOOKS
SO CLUELESS

...

I CAN'T BELIEVE

I LOST LIKE THAT.

BOIL
BOIL
BOIL

A person in a red and yellow patterned kimono is running on a path of fire. The path is made of several large, glowing orange and yellow logs or beams of fire. The background is dark and smoky, with a bright light source at the end of the path. The word "BOIL" is written in white, stylized, hand-drawn letters on the left and right sides of the image.

For The
Sake of
SITA

ART / STORY BY HAGA



RAMLO,



THANK YOU.

YOU'RE SICK?
WHAT KINDA
DISEASE?



WHAT'RE
YOU DOING?
YOU'VE STILL GOT
ANOTHER TEST.



YEAH YEAH,
CONGRATS. ALRIGHT?
NOW GET GOING,

WE DON'T NEED
TO SAY GOODBYE,

ARE YOU GONNA
SAY YOU'RE SORRY
OR SOMETHING?

I HATE APOLOGIES,
SO JUST-



I KNOW
YOU REALLY
ARE KIND.



HIIIIII

WELL, I...



I'M NOT SURE,
THEY JUST SAID IT'S
SOMETHING MY MOM
HAS TOO.

I FORGET WHAT
THEY CALL IT,
SOMETHING LIKE...

JEANS?
A JEANS
DISEASE?

YOU MEAN
GENETIC

ANYWAY,
I'M SORRY.

I CAN'T SWIM OR
PLAY HIDE-AND-SEEK
WITH YOU

JUMP

I DON'T EVEN

LIKE PLAYING
ANYWAY!

I DON'T WANNA
PLAY WITH ANYONE

PLAYING IS
FOR BABIES!!



I'M GONNA BE
A KUMARI!!





THANK YOU.

DON'T ACT

LIKE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT ME.

CREAK...







WAS I
THE STUPID ONE

IN ALL OF THIS?

SO FOOLISH



TO THE TWO OF YOU, BOTH SO KIND.

THIS WAY, SITA JHARANA



STILL,

I MEAN



MY HEART



GOES OUT

YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH
A LOT TO MAKE IT
THIS FAR,

YOU'RE THE LAST
ONE LEFT NOW.

STEP

STEP

STEP

YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF
TO BE THE ONLY ONE WORTHY
OF SERVING TALEJU.

YOUR FINAL TEST
TO OFFICIALLY
BECOME A KUMARI

WILL TAKE PLACE
TONIGHT.

TONIGHT?

CRAZY

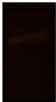
THAT'S
RIGHT.



GO DOWN
THERE.

DUN

DUN





I'VE GOTTA
GO DOWN.
ALONE?



YES.

50 THIS IS WAY DARKER

THAN I HAD IMAGINED.

Flashes



CLANG

clunge

SO RAMLO,

WHAT'S THE
FINAL TEST?

I WONDER IF THAT
DUMMY WILL EVEN
BE ABLE TO DO IT.

YOU'RE PUT IN A PITCH
BLACK ROOM WITH ALL KINDS
OF ANIMALS' HEADS AND BODIES
AND BLOOD ALL AROUND

TREMBLE

AND YOU HAVE TO SPEND
THE NIGHT IN THERE WITHOUT
MAKING A SOUND.

STEP



AND THAT'S
NOT ALL

YOU'LL PROBABLY HEAR
SOME STRANGE SCREAMS
OR CRYING SOUNDS
AROUND YOU

HUUUUH?



YOU KNOW, SITA,

WHEN YOUR HEART BEATS,
THERE'S BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH
YOUR WHOLE BODY,

WHEN BLOOD FLOWS
OUT OF A BODY,
YOU SHOULD NOT BE SCARED

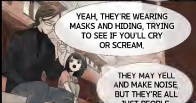


BECAUSE IT MEANS
A PERSON IS IN PAIN
AND NEEDS YOUR HELP.



BUT DON'T WORRY.
THOSE ARE ALL
JUST PEOPLE.

PEOPLE?



YEAH, THEY'RE WEARING
MASKS AND HIDING, TRYING
TO SEE IF YOU'LL CRY
OR SCREAM.

THEY MAY YELL
AND MAKE NOISE,
BUT THEY'RE ALL
JUST PEOPLE



W-WHAT ABOUT
THE BLOOD?

I'M STILL AFRAID
OF BLOOD.

SITA

THUMP

YOU'RE MEANT
TO BE A GODDESS.







YOU'VE GOT ME.

THUMP

THUMP

SO DON'T BE AFRAID.

THUMP

THUMP

THUMP



BUSTLE

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HER BODY MUST BE FREE
OF ANY DEFECTS

HER EYES MUST BE BLACK,
THE MOST SACRED COLOR



BOTH OF HER PARENTS MUST BE ALIVE

SHE MUST HAVE A NICE SHAPE TO HER BODY

HER TEETH MUST BE STRAIGHT

A KUMARI'S BODY MUST BE LIKE A LINDEN TREE.

AND HER THIGHS MUST
BE SLENDER AS A DEER

HER NECK LONG AND THIN



AND HER EYELIDS MUST BE LIKE A COW'S,

AMONG ALL THE GIRLS WHO
HAVE THE SHAKA SPIRIT OF SIDDHARTHA
GAUTAMA WITHIN THEM,



ONLY THE ONE WHO MEETS
ALL OF THE CONDITIONS,



ONLY SHE MAY BE REVERED

REACH

AS THE NEXT

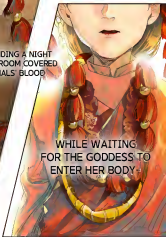


INCLUDING PICKING OUT
AN ITEM WORN BY
THE PREVIOUS KUMARI,



AND SPENDING A NIGHT
IN A DARK ROOM COVERED
IN ANIMALS' BLOOD

WHILE WAITING
FOR THE GODDESS TO
ENTER HER BODY





KUMARI.

ARE YOU
WATCHING ME TOO,
MISTER?



I HOPE YOU CAME TO
CONGRATULATE ME!

CAN YOU SEE ME,
HADURU?
I MISS YOU, MOM.





I'M SO HAPPY.



UMPH



HEY MAN,
WATCH WHERE
YOU'RE GOING!



AH, SORRY..

